

Winehaven, Two-Bedroom Cottage (Bldg. No. 41)    **HABS No. CA-2658-G**  
Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot  
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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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**Location:** Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot, Point Molate, Richmond, Contra Costa County, California

**Significance:** Building 41 is a representative example of one of four building types found at Winehaven. Winehaven was listed in the National Register of Historic Places, with 35 contributing buildings. Winehaven represents the remains of a company town, including industrial, residential, and support buildings, built by the California Wine Association between 1907 and 1919. Of these, 29 buildings are residences, comprising four essential types. Building 41 is a good example of one type, called the "Two Bedroom Cottage Plan" in the general HABS documentation for Winehaven.

**Description:** Building 41 is an example of the "Two-Bedroom Cottage" building type. It is an essentially square building with an area of about 850 sf. As with all cottages in the area, it is woodframe and front gabled, with a roof form that includes clipped eaves at the rear, exposed rafters on the sides, and a roof overhang with five brackets at the facade. It is sided with stucco over shingles and roofed in composition shingles. It includes an enclosed porch at the facade. Windows for the home include paired 3-1 double-hung wooden sash, paired 1-1 double-hung wooden sash, and 1-1 double-hung wooden sash.

The layout of Building 41 is shown in the attached floor plan. Access is gained from an enclosed porch at the facade. This porch (like all porches in the residential area) was originally open with a half-height wooden barrier; it appears that the fixed, multiple-light enclosure was added by the U.S. Navy. Entry is gained through a front door centered on the facade; this door is a one-light, one-panel wooden door which appears to be original. There is another identical door at the rear of the building.

The front door opens into a living room, about 16'6" by 12'6". A small kitchen is located behind the living room and a small service porch behind the kitchen. There are no interior doors separating the living room, kitchen, and service porch. At the interior side of the living room is a door (a one-panel wooden door, apparently original), which leads to a short hallway which connects to the bedrooms, bathroom, and hall closet. All of the doors leading from this hallway are one-panel wooden doors except for the closet door, which features two wooden panels. Building 41 is notable among the "Two-Bedroom Cottages" because it includes a large hall closet and small kitchen.

Although generally intact, this building does include several modifications. The most notable is the stucco surfacing, applied over the original wooden shingle siding. A second modification was the enclosure of the front porch area. A third, relatively minor modification was the installation of a

non-functional chimney near the facade. The chimney is a rectangle, probably fashioned of steel or aluminum, faced in a material (probably vinyl) that resembles a brick appearance. Interior modifications include vinyl floors throughout; the original flooring is not known. The kitchen and bath have been remodeled entirely. The building also includes a small aluminum canopy over the rear entrance.

**Historical Context:** The entire Winehaven complex was built between 1907 and 1917, with the industrial buildings being generally older than the residences. The exact dates of construction cannot be established for individual residences, although it is clear that the cottages were built in stages. Building 41 is known to have been built after 1916; it was likely constructed in March of 1917, when the company built 11 cottages.

The 28 smaller cottages at Winehaven served as housing for workers in the Winehaven industrial facility. The cottages were occupied for a relatively short period of time: Building 41, in particular, was occupied only from 1917 to early 1919. These homes were vacant throughout the 1920s and 1930s. In 1942, the old Winehaven complex was purchased by the Federal government for use as a Naval Fuel Depot. The housing was adapted for use as family housing by the Navy, a use that continued until the early 1990s.

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**Project Information:** The Naval Fuel Depot, Point Molate, was identified for closure under the recommendations of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, along with the Oakland Fleet Industrial Supply Center, which administers the Point Molate Facility. The ultimate disposition of the buildings at the Point Molate facility is unknown at this time. The U.S. Navy is currently negotiating with the City of Richmond regarding transfer of the land and buildings at Point Molate. The U.S. Navy has initiated Section 106 consultation regarding this property and is developing a plan for disposal and re-use of the Depot, including the Winehaven buildings.

